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In re

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, MAILED April 21, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed September 11, 2003, be extended for three months up to and including October 21, 2003.

A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 1.191) is filed concurrently herewith.


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